



## ALEXANDRIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28.

Last night, in the Senate, when the amendment to the appropriation bill providing for the payment of the assistant assessors of the internal revenue, appointed in the Southern States by Secretary McCulloch, and who were unable to take the test-oath, was under discussion, Mr. Sumner and Mr. Chandler attacked the Secretary in the strongest terms, declaring that he ought to be brought forward to the bar of the Senate, &c. Mr. Sumner denounced Mr. Sherman, who advocated the amendment, as covering up a crime committed by the Secretary in his madness, and to carry out the sane reconstruction policy of the master whom he served. Mr. Sherman passionately retorted that the language of the Senator was neither parliamentary nor gentlemanly, but it was false. Mr. Chandler, indulged in personalities, on the character and capacity of Mr. McCulloch, which Mr. Sherman afterwards characterized as "foul-mouthed abuse and language to which he could not condescend to reply."

The Charlottesville Chronicle, in an article discussing at length the Military Force bill, as passed by Congress, makes a statement that we apprehend will take most of our readers by surprise. It is as follows: "In more than one-half of the counties in Virginia the blacks outnumber the whites. They can command the Legislature. The majority of the Legislature, under the Sherman bill, may be negroes. Allowing for the influence of property and intelligence, a number of the members of the legislature may be negroes. It then goes on to enumerate a number of the counties of the State in which the black population exceeds the white, according to the last census. It should be added, however, that the figures are very materially altered by the war, and subsequent events."

The Richmond Whig in urging upon the Legislature, action with regard to the public debt of the State, says: When the military bill shall become a law, as it doubtless will in a few days, it is not likely that the officer commanding in Virginia will disturb any measure looking to the payment of our debt. Such a measure, on the contrary, would be regarded with favor; and coming from us at a time of such distress would be welcomed at the North and abroad as a signal manifestation of Virginia integrity. Our bond-holders are not confined to Virginia; they are both in the Northern States and abroad."

The latest reports from Mexico, by an arrival at New Orleans, from Vera Cruz, are that "great confusion prevails; and that communication with the City of Mexico is entirely cut off. The Liberals hold all the important lines. The French transports have all arrived. A French naval force, in which there is one iron-clad, has recently arrived to protect the embarkation of the French troops. Foreigners are leaving the country as fast as possible. It is believed that Maximilian will leave soon."

Mr. Reverdy Johnson, it is said, will take some suitable opportunity to more fully explain his recent vote in the Senate, in favor of the Force Bill. One report now is, that he discovered that it was the purpose of the next Congress, to press the passage of a wholesale confiscation bill, if the present plan for reconstruction failed. But, we doubt this report.

The Lynchburg Republican advises the people of Virginia to remain perfectly quiet on the subject of the Military Force bill "until they shall have read the President's veto, should he send it in, and know what he says, and what he intends to do," and, also, what Congress may do before the close of its session.

The impeachment business it seems is still going on. The Washington Chronicle says: "Some important witnesses arrived here last night from the South for the purpose of testifying before the Judiciary Committee of the House on the impeachment question."

The Petersburg Index makes the prediction that "in sixty days a majority of the Southern States will voluntarily conform to the new order of things, under the Sherman bill." It adds: "We do not believe it necessary, or wise, but it will be done."

Gold is rising, and was quoted yesterday at one o'clock at 140 1/2. The New York Tribune predicts its rapid march towards the high premium it heretofore commanded.

Prof. Benjamin Peirce, of Harvard University, has been appointed Superintendent of the Coast Survey, as the successor of the late Prof. Bach.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—Forrest has been playing his principal characters to good houses.—The critics speak of his acting in the highest terms of praise.

The National Intelligencer says: "Great rejoicing was manifested yesterday by the clerks throughout the different Departments on the receipt of the intelligence that the extra compensation bill had passed both Houses of Congress. In quite a different manner was the news received at the Navy Yard among the workmen, and curses both loud and deep were vented when the fact was announced that the employees were not included in the increased compensation."

The latest most interesting event in the prison life of Suratt was the attempt made on Tuesday by a man to obtain admittance to the prisoner, alleging that he was his brother, just arrived from Texas, where he had been living for the past ten or twelve years. He did not prove his relationship, however, to the satisfaction of the guards, and admission was denied. Miss Suratt does everything in her power for the comfort of her brother.

GOLD.

New York, Feb. 28—Gold to-day, 140 1/2.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the times.

The will of the late Paschal P. Pope of Boston, contains the following bequests: To the Boston Society of Natural History, \$20,000; to the Temporary Home for the Destitute, \$10,000; Boston Dispensary, \$20,000; Sailors' Snug Harbor, \$30,000; Howard Benevolent Society, \$20,000; Boston Provident Association, \$10,000; Home for Aged Men, \$30,000; Harvard College, for Professorship of the Latin Language and Literature, \$50,000.

The Emmett House at St. Paul was burned on Saturday evening. Several negroes, sick with the small-pox, were in the building at the time, and narrowly escaped burning. Thirty kegs of powder were discovered under the building and removed before the fire reached them. They have been confiscated by the fire wardens, and the owners will be prosecuted.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday received information from England, of a trustworthy character, which leads to the belief that in the event of the passage of the tariff bill increasing the duties on goods imported into the United States, organized attempts will be made to smuggle goods extensively into this country, and more especially from Canada.

A special committee of the New York Firemen's Association, Henry Wilson, esq., president, will leave New York on Saturday next for Charleston and Columbia, to present a new horse carriage recently built by them for "Independent" Engine Company, No. 1, of the latter city.

The Stuyvesant pear-tree, planted by Gov. Stuyvesant some two hundred years ago, at the corner of what is now Third Avenue and Thirteenth street, New York, was destroyed a few days ago by a vehicle coming in collision with it.

An extensive cotton mill was burned at Philadelphia yesterday. The loss is estimated at one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. Two Baltimore insurance companies lose twenty-five hundred dollars each.

A fire has been raging in the woods, in Jones county, Georgia, for several days. The tract of country burned over is six or seven miles in extent. Considerable fencing has been destroyed but no houses.

A gift enterprise has disappeared from Westley, R. I., with something like \$100,000 forwarded by deluded people in anticipation of a grand distribution of prizes on the 28th inst.

The committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Union, have decided to urge the claims of Dr. W. T. Collins for the position of Doorkeeper to the next House of Representatives.

James Robertson, son of the Chief Justice of Kentucky, was found dead yesterday morning in the suburbs of Lexington, from intemperance and exposure.

The name of the Kingdom of Canada for the new confederation has been changed to the Dominion of Canada.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

On Monday, in the Corporation Court, at Norfolk, Va., in the case of the Commonwealth vs. W. R. Hammond, charged with felony, the defence objected to negro testimony, as not coming under the statute, and that the civil rights bill was unconstitutional. The court sustained the defence, and the testimony was ruled out. Yesterday, the U. S. Commissioner S. S. Foster issued warrants "for the arrest of five magistrates of the Corporation Court at Norfolk for violating the civil-rights bill by refusing colored testimony in legal proceedings."

A dispatch from Richmond dated, yesterday says: "It is understood that a large portion of the members of the Senate favor the calling of a State Convention. (?) Mr. Calvert, the State Treasurer, was summoned to the Legislature yesterday, before one of the committees of Congress."

CONGRESS.—In the Senate, yesterday, the Naval bill was passed, with a proviso that hereafter the number of cadets at the Naval Academy shall be one for each Senator; Representative and Delegate in Congress; one for the District of Columbia, ten at large, and ten additional, to be selected from the boys in the navy deserving of such by reason of capacity and good conduct. The bill authorizing the removal of cases in certain cases from State courts was passed. It provides that in cases between citizens, where the amount involved exceeds \$500, on affidavit of either of the parties that he has reason to believe he cannot obtain justice in the State Court, the case may be removed to the United States Circuit Court in such State. The House bill regulating the Presidential succession was referred to the next Congress. The bill for the redemption of the compound interest notes, as amended by the Senate Finance Committee was passed, and goes back to the House. It provides for the issue of temporary loan certificates bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent per annum, principal and interest payable in lawful money on demand; and said certificates of temporary loan may constitute and be held by any national bank holding or owing the same as a part of the issue provided for by the act of June 3, 1864; Provided, That no less than two-fifths of the entire reserve of such bank shall consist of lawful money of the United States, and provided further, that the amount of such temporary certificates at any time outstanding shall not exceed \$100,000,000. The Omnibus Appropriation bill was taken up and a long debate arose on a motion to strike out the section abolishing the office of Commissioner of Public Buildings, and authorizing the election by the Senate of a Superintendent of Public Buildings. Without deciding the question the Senate went into executive session.

In the House of Representatives yesterday the Naval Appropriation bill was passed, all proposals to increase the sum appropriated being voted down. An amendment was adopted authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to receive and accept a tract of land on the Thames river, near New London, Connecticut, for naval purposes. The total amount appropriated by the bill is over sixteen millions. In Committee of the Whole the House resumed the consideration of the Tariff bill. The amendments relating to wool of all classes, fixing the duty on that article without regard to the value of the goods "at the last port or place" whence exported to the United States, were all agreed to. On the place question a prolonged struggle took place between the Eastern and Western members. The duty was finally increased to \$30 per ton by a close vote. At the evening session the consideration of the tariff bill was resumed.

The Richmond Enquirer says: "We understand that no portion of the Peabody fund for Southern education will be applied in aid of our colleges or high schools; but will all be devoted to the founding of common schools for the children of the indigent. Agents are now exploring the Southern States with a view to ascertain what localities are in greatest need of such aid."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Nearly the whole of the session of the Senate, on Tuesday, was in secret. Two bills of local interest were passed, and quite a number of similar ones reported from the Committee on General Laws. Nothing else of interest was done.

The House "dismissed" the Senate bill appropriating \$10,000 to the State Board of Immigration, and passed the "Irish Immigrant" bill. A number of other bills also passed, and the Cumberland Gap or "Southside Consolidation" Railroad scheme was discussed at length.

—Richmond Enquirer.

In the Senate, on Tuesday, House bill to incorporate the Accotink Creek Navigation Company, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

House bill for the relief of James M. Stewart, was taken up, amended by correcting an error in the name of Mr. Stewart, and as amended, read the third time and passed.

Senate bill to repeal the act passed February 16th, 1866, entitled an act to authorize a special police to search for stolen property, so far as it applies to the city of Alexandria, was taken up, read twice, and referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

Mr. Dulany presented the petition of citizens of Alexandria to abolish the Board of Aldermen in Alexandria, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

In the House of Delegates, House bill for the relief of Wm. H. Muir, coming up, Mr. Lewis opposed the bill; the fine, whose remission Mr. Muir sought having been imposed on him for declining to take the necessary oaths prescribed by the Wheeling Legislature.

The oath, it was true, was humiliating, but the speaker was compelled to take it, and he protested against the required oath had been pronounced unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, and this being the case, the fine imposed on Mr. M. was illegal and should be refunded. The bill was passed by a vote of yeas 65, nays none.

A bill was passed, to authorize the appointment of an additional Commissioner in charge of Alexandria city.

The bill to incorporate the Potomac and Alexandria Railroad Company, coming up, Mr. C. Turner offered an amendment allowing the cars of other connecting roads, present or prospective to pass over the line. Mr. English said his people felt a very deep interest in the bill and hoped it would be passed by the present. Mr. Straughan advocated the amendment of Mr. Turner, but when the bill came up on its final passage, he should discuss the merits of the bill. The amendment was adopted and the bill ordered to engrossment.

House bill to amend section 2, chapter 5 of the Code, so as to allow the creation of a new district and election precinct in Fairfax county, was, on motion of Mr. Lewis, dismissed, but, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the vote was reconsidered, and the petition signed by many citizens of Fairfax praying for the passage of the bill was read, and pending the vote on the engrossment the hour of 1 o'clock arriving, the order of the day was called.

House bill to repeal an act passed February 16th, 1866, to authorize a special police to search for stolen property so far as it applies to the city of Alexandria.

## EUROPE.

LATEST BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Atlantic telegraph informs us that the party in the British Parliament who are known as "Adullamites," and who follow the lead of Mr. Roskell, have resolved to unite their forces with the Liberals. The English Court of Admiralty has required security for costs in the case of the United States frigate against the steamer Alexandria. The French Court of Admiralty has also reaffirmed its decision requiring security in the case of our Government against Armand & Sons. The French Government has refused to give up its search of the baggage of foreigners arriving during the International Exposition. The Liberals in the French Legislative Chambers are protesting vigorously against the abolition of the reply to the address from the throne, which is about the only opportunity they have of debating the policy of the Government. Garibaldi had been received at Venice with great enthusiasm. Consols closed at 91; United States Five-twenty-fives at 74 1/2, and at Frankfurt at 76 1/2.

## MARRIED.

On Tuesday evening, February the 19th, 1867, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. James W. Ford, in Stafford county, Va., by the Rev. Mr. Meredith, Mr. SIDNEY POWERS to Miss MARY THOMPSON, both of Stafford county.

On Tuesday evening, February the 19th, 1867, at Mr. Experiment, Stafford county, Va., the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catharine Powers, by the Rev. Mr. Meredith, Mr. BENJAMIN A. BELL to Miss FANNIE POWERS, both of Stafford county, Va.

## DIED.

In Leesburg, on Thursday, the 21st instant, THOMAS WILKIE, infant son of William W. and Isabella Athey, aged one month, and four days.

WARD.—The following ticket for Council will be supported:

FOR ALDERMEN.  
W. A. BREWSTER.  
FOR COUNCIL.  
T. M. BROWN.  
GEO. H. ROBINSON.  
H. S. WATKINS.  
HENRY L. SIMPSON.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH WARD, interested in the welfare of our city, and maintaining its credit, will support the following ticket:

FOR ALDERMEN.  
T. B. ROBERTSON.  
FOR COUNCIL.  
L. B. TAYLOR.  
GEO. WASHINGTON.  
J. H. BRENT.  
C. C. CROLEY.

NEW MERCHANTS LINE,  
NEW YORK, ALEXANDRIA, WASHINGTON & GEORGETOWN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The steamship E. C. Knight will sail from Pier No. 8, Alexandria, for New York, on Thursday, the 7th proximo, at noon.

The steamship R. C. Knight will sail from Pier No. 23, East River, New York, for Alexandria, Washington, and Georgetown, on Saturday, March 2nd, at noon.

The steamships of this line are first-class, and sail weekly between the Atlantic ports. The Company have made thorough arrangements for the transportation of through freight to all points north, and connecting with Alexandria, Louisiana & Hampshire, and Orange and Alexandria Railroads, and all points South and West.

All freight must be sent to the dock early on the day of sailing. For freight and passage apply to  
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No. 31, North Union st., Alex.,  
Washington, Geo. W. & Co.,  
Agents, 72 South st., New York.

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BACON,  
HAMS,  
SIDES  
AND  
JOLDS,  
of my own curing, for sale in lots to suit purchasers, at my Smoke House, corner of Duke and Payne streets.  
Feb 27-1w JNO. P. EMERSON.

A meeting of the citizens of the Fourth Ward was held at the Friendship Engine House, on Wednesday evening, 27th instant, when the following nominations for Aldermen and Council were made: Board of Aldermen, T. B. Robertson; Council, J. B. Smoot, H. S. Martin, J. B. Nalls, J. Summers.

The following resolution was offered by Jno. Summers, and adopted:  
When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a people, prostrated in business, and depressed in spirits, burdened with taxation, to nominate suitable persons to represent them in the Fourth Ward in the coming election, to serve them in the City Council and Board of Aldermen.

Resolved by the voters of the Fourth Ward, That they will nominate no man for either branch of the City Council who does not recognize these facts, and that they will support no man who is in favor of compromising the corporation debt, which will give all the advantage to the stockholders and none to the poor or tax-payers.

The President of the meeting, J. B. Smoot, espoused some forcible remarks relative to our present condition, which elicited the warmest applause. After which the meeting adjourned. J. B. SMOOT, Chairman.  
J. ROXBURY, Secretary.

We are much pleased to observe among the candidates mentioned for the office of Auditor the name of Capt. Charles S. Taylor, and respectfully request the publication of the following as our estimate of him. He is a gentleman of unblemished character, fine business qualifications, and strict integrity and devotion to duty. He was well known and fully appreciated as a responsible officer in the late U. S. Army, and his interests are identified with the prosperity of Alexandria.

It would be fortunate in securing the services of such a person for the office of Auditor, where one of his qualifications and integrity is so much needed. We do not intend while making this statement in favor of Capt. Taylor, to reflect upon any other candidate for this office, but at the same time feel sure that his election will be gratifying to many of us, and the Corporation of Alexandria will have secured the services of a most excellent man and able Auditor.  
[H] OLD CITIZEN.

Pursuant to a call, a meeting of the 2nd Ward voters was held in the Sun Engine House, last evening. Luther D. Harrison was called to the chair, and Robt. Armstrong, appointed secretary. Upon balloting the following persons were nominated, viz: Aldermen, T. A. Brown, Council, George H. Robinson, Wm. N. Brown, George L. Simpson, L. D. Harrison. The name of Mr. Martin Maddux, who declined a nomination, was withdrawn previous to the ballot.

ROBT. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

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AND CURRENT MONEY.

Bonds and Stocks bought and sold on commission.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.

NOTICE.—ROBERT I. SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC,

has opened his office at Phoenix Hall, where he may be found from 8 a. m., to 6 p. m., daily.

LAWRENCE B. TAYLOR,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

No. 145, Prince street, east of the Post Office

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T. BASIL BRAWNER AND MALINDA.

His wife, Redman F. Brawner, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, deceased, whose names are unknown: Take notice, that on THURSDAY, the 28th day of March, 1867, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, at that day, at the office of A. &amp; C. E. Stuart, in the town of Alexandria, Va. I shall proceed to take the depositions of Charles E. Stuart and others, to be read in evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit in chancery, now pending in the County Court of Prince William county, Va., in which I am plaintiff, and you are defendants; and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place, and the operation of this Order shall continue until the same shall be completed. Yours, &amp;c.,

Feb 27-law4w JOHN F. JOHNSON.

SELLING OFF TO CLOSE BUSINESS.—

The subscriber in order to close out the business, will, until the first of May, offer her entire stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, &amp;c.; also, a large lot of Gentlemen's and Boys' Boots and Shoes, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, &amp;c. &amp;c. The above goods will be sold WITHOUT RESERVE AT COST PRICE. All wishing bargains will do well to give her an early call at

NO. 319, KING STREET,

between Payne and West streets,

MRS. WALTER HARRIS.

JUST RECEIVED—

A supply of English Pickles, Olives, Capers, French Mustard, Lobsters, Tamarinds, English Sauces, Sardines, &amp;c., for sale by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

BACON—

3 hhd. of Hams, Shoulders and Breakfast pieces, just received and for sale low by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

COAL OIL—

5 bbls. No. 1 Coal Oil, just received and for sale low by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

LIQUORS—

Just received a full supply of Liquors comprising Whiskies, Brandy, Wines, &amp;c., for sale by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

FLOUR—

20 bbls. A. M. Janney's Extra; 10 Pa-lace Family, just received and for sale by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

CANDLES—

20 boxes Adamantine and Tallow Candles, just received and for sale by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

COFFEE—

20 sacks Rio, Laguira and Java Coffee, for sale low by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

TEA—

10 half and quarter chests Gunpowder, Imperial, Japan and Oolong Tea, just received and for sale by

HENDERSON &amp; AVERY,

226 King, corner Alfred.

COD FISH.—George's Bank Cod Fish, for sale

by J. C. MILLBURN.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIGHT.

From April 1st, 1866, to February 28th, 1867.

Expended on Gas Works for construction, to February 7, 1866, \$864,55 18  
On the works, 12,687 06  
On Meters, 26,487 87 \$1,153,620 11

Deduct amount charged for construction, found to be for repairs, from Dec., 1861, to Feb., 1866, \$ 317 90  
On the works, 2,425 61  
On Meters, 905 61 \$3,649 14

Expended this year, On services and mains, \$148 36

\$121,529 33

Seven new services have been put in since April 1st, for which have been paid 48 feet, 1 inch, 219 feet, 2 inch, and 14 feet, 1 inch pipe; in all 281 feet.

Number of consumers registered, 661.

Income and current expenses of Gas Works from April 1st, 1866, to February 28, 1867.

INCOME.

Amount for gas sold consumers, \$20,244 56

" 101 street lamps for the year, 1901 00 R. & L. 4,004 00

" 8 market lamps for the year, 204 00 R. & L. 316 00

" City Council for the year, 10,000 feet. 49 00

" Coke sold, 1,417 20

" Tar sold, 12 18

" Lime sold, 119 65

" Glycerine sold, 184 98

\$26,418 95

EXPENSES.

Coal, \$9,376 46

Retorts, 1,214 98

Tile brick and cement, 259 90

Lime, 622 00

Glycerine, 122 57

Clerk's salary to Feb. 1st, 605 67

Labor in retorts and purifying rooms, 3,340 37

U. S. Tax and license, 1,214 98

Re-building benches, 101 95

Smith's work, 89 65

Water, 100 00

Cartage on sand and clay, 13 35

Hardware, drugs, shovels, &c., 99 95